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Governor candidate chides Perry administration

By RALSTON ROLLO
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Democratic candidate for governor Bill White blamed Gov. Rick Perry's administration for rising tuition in the state and said he could combat the problem through cooperation with other state leaders as governor.

Tech Student Democrats, as part of White's campaign for governor of Texas, hosted a forum — called Meet and Greet with Bill White — at 12:30 p.m. Thursday in the Student Union Building Senate Room.

White began with a speech about his political ideology and proceeded to take questions from audience members.

White, the former mayor of Houston who is campaigning against Perry for the general election in November, said Texas needs a governor who seeks and makes use of common ground with other leaders.

"Wouldn't it be great to have political leaders who agree on common goals and treat each other with civil-

ity and respect?" he said as he spoke to the audience.

He said Perry's administration has centralized too much power in Austin and is responsible to a measurable degree for a 93 percent increase in average tuition in Texas during the last seven years.

White said he intends to keep the best interests of the state in mind and always will work to maintain his priorities, which include political cooperation, education and public safety, if elected governor.

Leaders who regularly engage in discussion and work to make use of such common ground to improve the governmental process are leaders who have the potential to change society for the better, he said.

As mayor of Houston, White said he was successful in increasing funding for the Houston Police Department to reduce the city's crime rate.

The best way to identify and agree upon common ground is through open discussion, much like the meet and greet, he said.



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2010 TEXAS GUBERNATORIAL candidate Bill White speaks Thursday in the Senate Room of the Student Union Building.

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THINKING OUTSIDE OF THE CUBICLE



{ Graduating seniors have philanthropic job options }

By BROOKE BELLOMY
STAFF WRITER

For Texas Tech alumna Suzette Matthews, her decision to work for Teach For America has been life-changing for her and for her students.

When she learned from a Teach For America recruiter only one in 10 students from low-income communities graduates from college, Matthews said she was surprised.

"I had no idea that there was this much of an educational inequality," she said. "I knew right then that I wanted to apply."

Matthews, now an English teacher in Ruleville, Miss., is nearing the end of her two-year commitment with Teach For America. In her 14-person AP English class, all 14 students have been accepted and will attend four-year universities.

"We're breaking the statistics," she said.

For as much as Matthews impacted the lives of her students, she said the students have had a large impact on her life, as well.

Before Teach for America, Matthews intended to go to law school. Now, she plans to stay in education and has been working on a master's degree in education while teaching in Mississippi.

Matthews said she hopes more Tech graduates work for Teach for America and encourages anyone interested in giving back to society to apply.

David Kraus, director of Tech's University Career Services, said the notion of giving back is of increasing importance to recent graduates.

"It factors into their career choices more than it has for past generations," he said.

Giving back is a reason several former students of Gary Elbow, associate vice provost for academic affairs and founder of a Peace Corps program in Guatemala, have committed 27 months of their lives to living among, working with and assisting the people of various developing countries around the world through the U.S. Peace Corps.

The Peace Corps accepts volunteers of all ages and backgrounds and no particular major or degree is required. Volunteers are employed in several different capacities including education and city planning.

Tech is one of two universities in Texas to offer a master's program in conjunction with serving in the Peace Corps.

Through the College of Education, a student can earn a master's degree in secondary education, curriculum and instruction, and a master's degree

in education. Through the College of Agricultural and Natural Resources, a student can earn a master's of science in agronomy, horticulture, agricultural education, and natural resources management.

For each of these programs, a student takes 12 hours in the fall and spring and six hours in the summer before fulfilling their two-year commitment with the Peace Corps.

Although giving back may be the initial reason some people become interested in the Peace Corps, Elbow said volunteers gain quite a bit from the experience.

"You gain skills from long-term residency overseas that you don't get on a short-term stay," he said.

Elbow said Peace Corps volunteers learn a foreign language, a foreign culture and become globally competent.

A great candidate for the Peace Corps, Elbow said, is a risk-taker with a sense of adventure.

In addition to learning a new language and culture, he said the Peace Corps provides the volunteer with several other benefits.

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Young Conservatives protest SUB statue

By IOANNA MAKRIS
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Two Facebook pages and one statue caused turmoil on the Texas Tech campus.

The Young Conservatives of Texas, an organization at Tech, is trying to remove the statue Tornado of Ideas, by Tom Ottermess, from the courtyard by the University Library and Student Union Building.

"The statue does not represent Tech ideals," said Jeff Morris, a graduate student and president of the organization.

Morris said the statue has novels on it that do not replicate what Tech and the United States stand for.

"A novel called 'Soul on Ice' written by a Black Panther leader explains it is OK for blacks to rape whites," he said.

After conducting research concerning the other novels on the statue, Morris said, the organization became concerned.

In an e-mail, he said five novels on the statue were conservative and 63 were liberal.

He said six of the novels were anti-American and three of the novels were pro-American.

Clayton Mahalitic, one of the creators of the Facebook page against the petition, said removing the statue from the campus is an issue of censorship.

"It will set a precedent on campus that not all views are accepted," he said.

Mahalitic, a junior accounting major from Killeen, said he can see how the organization is not happy with the statue. Some of the things are controversial, but he said much of the statue is misunderstood.

"It is not a promotion of the ideas," he said. "It's the idea that these are literary works and have had a heavy influence on society."

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PHOTO BY RIANNON ROWLEY/The Daily Toreador

KYLE BORNE, A sophomore agricultural business major from Fort Worth, protests the ideas portrayed by the Tornado of Ideas sculpture Thursday outside the Student Union Building.

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IN BRIEF

STATE

Houston PD suspend 8 cops in excessive force case

HOUSTON (AP) — Eight Houston police officers suspected of using excessive force against a burglary suspect have been suspended with pay, the city's mayor said.

The incident last month was captured on video by a surveillance camera at a self-storage business in southwest Houston.

A community activist who said he has a copy of the tape described it as "a horrendous beating."

One sergeant and seven officers were suspended with pay Tuesday when the city learned of the incident, Houston Mayor

Annis Parker said in Thursday editions of the Houston Chronicle.

"You see the young man get out (of his car) and take off running and you see a (patrol) car hit him," activist Quanell X said. "When the car hit him, you see him lay all the way down and the cops just pounce on him like a pack of wolves pouncing on raw meat."

"While he is handcuffed and lying down, you see a black cop run up and kick him in square in the face," he said. "They're punching and hitting him, punching and hitting him."

NATION

Navy to allow women to serve on submarines

KINGS BAY NAVAL SUBMARINE BASE, Ga. (AP) — The first U.S. women allowed to serve aboard submarines will be reporting for duty by 2012, the Navy said Thursday as the military ordered an end to one of its few remaining gender barriers.

The cramped quarters and scant privacy aboard submarines, combined with long tours of up to 90 days at sea, kept them off-limits to female sailors for 16 years after the Navy

began allowing women to serve on all its surface ships in 1994.

There were some protests, particularly from wives of sub sailors, after the military began formulating a plan last fall. But it received no objections from Congress after Defense Secretary Robert Gates notified lawmakers in mid-February that the Navy intended to lift the ban. The deadline for Congress to intervene passed at midnight Wednesday.

WORLD

Man stabs 28 children at kindergarten in China

TAIXING, China (AP) — The screams of the 4-year-olds inside the kindergarten could be heard out in the street.

When people ran in to investigate, they found what one witness said was a scene "too horrible to imagine" — blood everywhere as a knife-wielding man slashed 28 children, two teachers and a security

guard Thursday in the second such school attack in China in two days.

Experts called it a copycat rampage triggered by similar incidents Wednesday and last month. They said the wave of school attacks falls amid poor care for the mentally unstable and growing feelings of social injustice in the fast-changing country.

University Libraries earns international film award

The Texas Tech University Libraries Office of Communications and Marketing received the Silver Award in the public service film/video category in the Creativity 40th Media Competition from the Creativity International Awards.

The competition promoted its international contenders to create a creative video, said Kaley Daniel, director of communications and marketing for

Tech libraries.

The library created an animated video called "Raider Red Promotes the 3D Lab" to promote their 3-D animation lab. The creators of the video found a "quirky" way to endorse the lab and show people what could be done there, she said.

"It shows how the 3-D animation lab can be used," Daniel said. "3-D animation can be applied to every discipline."

After receiving information

about the contest in the mail, the libraries chose to enter the competition so they could compete against creative people on an international level, she said.

"We expected to be recognized for something," Daniel said. "We have great confidence in the work we produce."

She said the library creates videos every week promoting itself, varying between digital animation and traditional film. Although the

library produces many animated videos, this is the first that combines both animation and normal film.

The library didn't have employees who were capable and able to produce these kinds of videos until recently and plans to create more in the future, Daniel said.

"I think it has added value and it something different for your eyes to look at," she said.

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Statue

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Ryan Scott, a sophomore political science major and the vice chairman of the Young Conservatives of Texas, said the statue is unbalanced.

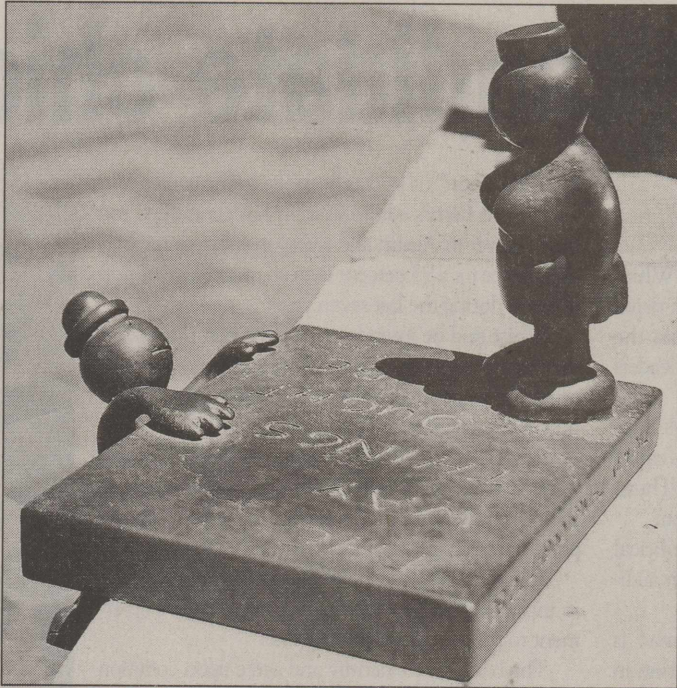
"The author had an agenda," Scott said. "We did research on his background, and he is a very strange man."

Scott said one of the mouse statues is of a naked woman watching a naked man fall and she is standing on a book titled "The Way Things Ought To Be." He said he would rather see a statue of a Tech alumnus — Rick Husband, for instance.

Morris said in particular he would like to see the statue of Husband placed in the location of the Tornado of Ideas because he was an astronaut who died in the Space Shuttle Columbia.

Mahalitic said he agrees with Morris that a statue of Husband, a Tech alumnus, should be present somewhere on the Tech campus, but not in place of the Tornado of Ideas.

"I don't think it is appropriate to put a statue of Richard Husband there because the Tornado of Ideas was put there because it has novels on it and it is by the library and SUB," he said. "It helps to provoke thought."



PHOTOS BY RIANNON ROWLEY/The Daily Toreador

MEMBERS OF THE Young Conservatives of Texas chapter at Texas Tech protested the "Tornado of Ideas" sculpture outside the Student Union Building on Thursday because of the controversial ideas it portrays.

Theresa Drewell, associate vice chancellor for Facilities, Planning and Construction, said the statue was selected by a committee with a number of people on the board.

She said students, faculty members, community artists and many more were involved in the process

of selecting the statue.

"The committee chose the piece because it is something that would spur communication and create conversation between students," Drewell said.

She said in a university setting the statue is perfect because it sparks conversation and controversy.

"The piece does what it is intended to do," Drewell said. "It is intended to foster conversation among people."

She said if the petition does reach the Public Art Committee it ultimately would be the committee's decision concerning the statue.

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Corrections

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White

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The population of Texas has become very diverse and is home to a

wide variety of viewpoints, White said, so it is absolutely necessary for state leaders to welcome all views and demographics equally and fairly.

Stuart Williams, president of Tech Student Democrats, said it is the goal of his organization to continue to host dialogue with political candidates and to register Tech students to vote in Lubbock County.

"Of course we support Democratic candidates, but one of my goals is to

simply have an open dialogue (of varying views)," he said.

It is important for Tech students to vote in Lubbock County because they are in the county for nine months out of the year, Williams said, and votes in Lubbock County can help strengthen Tech's voice in Austin.

The Democratic voting population at Tech has been growing since President Bill Clinton was in office, he said.

Pat Mehaffy, a freshman political science major from Beaumont, is a member of Tech Student Democrats and

said he supports White's notion of the importance of political leaders finding

common ground because doing so enhances the functionality of government.

Hesaid White is politically "centrist" because his ideologies do not tend to lean to the "left" or "right" of the political spectrum.

Students should vote for White not only because he has the best interests of the state at heart, but also because he will work to combat

rising tuition rates, Mehaffy said. ralston.rollo@ttu.edu

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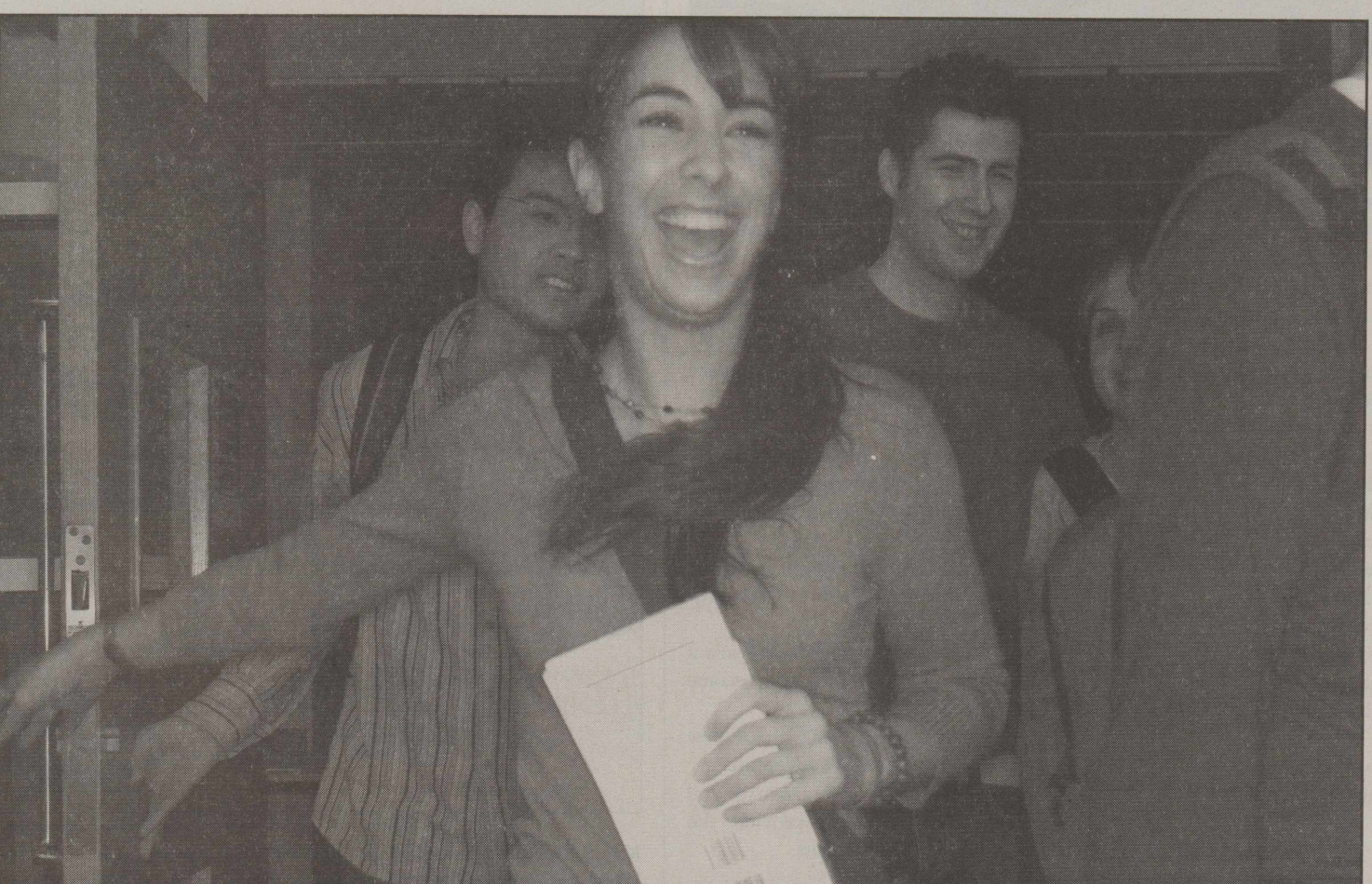
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Puzzles by PageFiller

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Hypnotist's show a 'trip' for participants

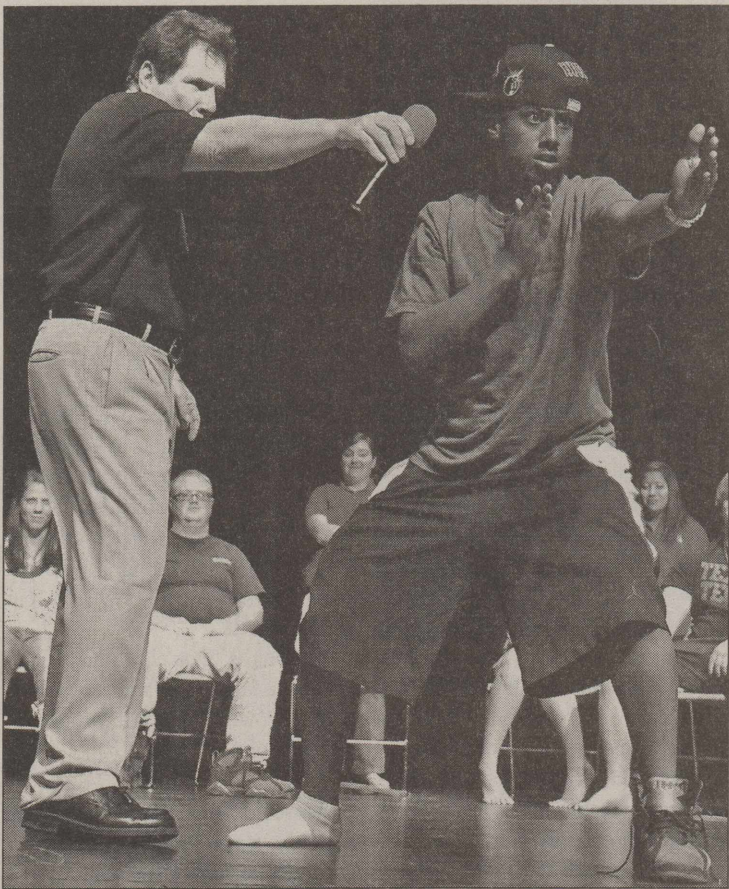


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HYPNOTIST TOM DELUCA, left, convinces Daniel Tesfai, a sophomore civil engineering major from Carrollton, that he is a ninja, Thursday in the Student Union Building's Allen Theater.

By **HALLIE DAVIS**
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It's not often Texas Tech students get to go on a dream vacation, drive a Ferrari and milk a cow all in one night. When Tom DeLuca performed his "hip hypnosis" show at 8 p.m. Thursday at the Student Union Building, about 15 students had that chance.

Rec Sports scheduled DeLuca to perform during the All Nighter event in January, but it was canceled due to ice. Rec Sports partnered with the Tech Activities Board to bring him to Tech at a later date.

Students who know DeLuca's shows said they would have come either way.

Aaron Frazier, a junior mechanical engineering major from Severn, Md., said he saw the show two years ago and planned to see it again.

"It's really interesting," Frazier said. "It's something you don't see every day."

With Frazier came Michael Scott, a junior pre-law and international business major from Houston. Scott said he didn't think the hypnotism was real.

"I still don't believe it at all, it's a bunch of malarkey," Scott said.

Many who came had seen the show before, and some, like Zekaria Abdulahi, had been in the show.

Abdulahi, a senior finance and accounting major from Dallas, was hypnotized the previous year.

He said people wouldn't really believe it until it happened to them. He liked the feeling of not having control, though he remembered much of what he did on stage.

"I was a spy, and I sprayed myself with water," Abdulahi said. "I didn't think I was really hypnotized, but they have a video."

The performance began with DeLuca, a nationally recognized hypnotist, choosing 20 audience volunteers to come on stage. Then he turned from the microphone and began the process of hypnotizing.

"He tells you to imagine places," Abdulahi said. "He makes you fall asleep basically."

DeLuca told the audience that one of the benefits of being a volunteer was that when the volunteer "woke up" at the end of the show, they would feel as well-rested as they would after an eight-hour night of sleep.

As he began telling the students on stage to stretch and lift their heads, he picked four or five out of the 20 who were not hypnotized and sent them back into the audience.

"You have to really, really want to be

hypnotized," Scott said.

Although he thought it might work in the case of a volunteer, Scott said he wouldn't think it was "real" until someone who was completely opposed went under.

DeLuca then began telling a story about the hypnotized students in a "blue place," or any favorite vacation spot. Next, he had them get in a Ferrari and drive it. As they "drove" he told them when to turn and also warned them if a cop was coming.

Sadly, however, they nearly crashed into a herd of cows. Their only option then was to get out and milk them and drink the milk. The show continued with the students in a dream-like state reacting to everything DeLuca said.

"I don't know (if this is real hypnotism); it's more of relaxation and story time," Scott said. "Maybe it's possibly real, but how can you tell who's acting and who's not?"

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"At the end of two years, you'll have matured and gained independence," he said. "You'll have developed survival skills, you'll be resourceful. It's an enriching experience."

Although employment with Peace Corps is temporary, the U.S. government has many other more permanent overseas employment opportunities.

Tibor Nagy, vice provost for the Office of International Affairs, said there are few jobs in the world where one can feel the impact he or she has on history. Representing the United States overseas is one of them.

As a 32-year diplomat and former ambassador to Ethiopia and Guinea, Nagy has extensive overseas employment experience.

Some of the agencies for which a student can work in a foreign country while representing the United States are U.S. Department of State, Central Intelligence Agency and U.S. Department of Commerce.

"These agencies are hiring political officers, economic officers, engineers, people with a legal or medical background and anyone with a skill," he said. "It is easy to find a job with the government to suit one's interest and personality."

One of the benefits of working for the U.S. government, Nagy said, is the opportunity for rapid advancement even at a young age.

"When I was 30, I was in charge of a mission," he said. "At other organizations, most 30-year-olds would be responsible for coffee and the biggest perk would be a bigger cubical."

Kraus said keeping an open mind to many career opportunities is important because there is never a perfect correlation between one major and one job.

"It's important to choose a career field that you enjoy, and as a result you will be successful," he said.

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Day promotes local, sustainable foods

By **HALLIE DAVIS**
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Seva, an organization dedicated to fair trade and social justice, hosted a day full of events to support Thursday's Green Week theme.

Laura Zak, the co-president of Seva, said the goal for the day was to make more students aware of locally produced and sustainable options.

"If you can't buy fair trade, you can buy local," said Zak, a senior English major from Lubbock.

Seva has been working with Hospitality Services to get more fair-trade items like coffee, tea and chocolate available to students and

to get items like sugar used in making food on campus.

So far, Seva has succeeded in getting 12-ounce bags of fair-trade coffee available in Sam's Place Mini-Markets on campus next semester. As part of Thursday's events, Seva offered samples of the coffee to passers-by in the Free Speech Area to vote on their favorite blend.

Zak said working to get the fair-trade items on campus was a slow process, but Hospitality Services was very supportive of realistic ideas.

Last year, Zak said Seva created a petition asking students for their opinions on the movement and the response was positive then. She said the day's

events proved students continued to be supportive.

After handing out the samples of fair-trade tea and coffee, Seva hosted speaker Debbie Zak of Northridge School District, who taught about compost and gardening. Attendees got to make notebooks out of recycled materials and sustainable cleaning products and to plant their own herbs. They also received potted mint plants.

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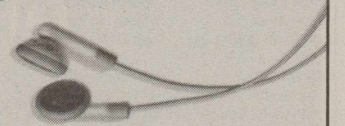

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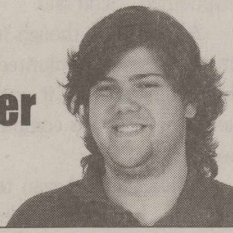
Like most Texans, I'm acutely aware of how wonderful this state is. Many people are proud of their home states, but not quite like native-born Texans.

We have just about everything one could hope for in a place to live, including beaches, mountains, big cities, small towns, wonderful food and fantastic people. Most of us are quite proud of it. Those who aren't are usually welcomed by their fellow Texans to get a government job in California, the land of the terminally ill economy.

As many other state economies are faltering heavily, Texas remains remarkably strong, largely due to the state's business-friendly climate. Although some choose to legislate themselves into oblivion, Texas prefers to keep its hands off many aspects of business, making this an attractive place for companies to relocate. They wind up funneling money into our state and local economies as well as provide jobs to the state's residents.

Although the idea of a conservative government may seem like a dichotomy, true Conservatives aren't

Cole Shooter



usually advocating for the complete absence of government, which would be anarchy. The right idea isn't the removal of all government, but rather the responsible use of it as espoused under classical liberalism. It is not only reasonable, but responsible to strive for limited government, liberty and the protection of the free market.

Texas hasn't been perfect in the struggle for conservative government, but we're eons above many others, giving the state a clear advantage for business and quality of life. Texas Republicans have been largely successful in helping the state recover from problems brought down by Democrats in the state legislature in 2002. *National Review* writer Kevin Williamson reminds us of what they chose to do

before the Republican masses were sworn into office in 2003.

"Before the new Republican majority was sworn in, Texas Democrats spent down the state's entire cash reserve ... They basically emptied the checking account and left some bills unpaid. That meant that the new Republican majority was sworn into office facing a politically manufactured hole in the budget, a crater \$10 billion deep," Williamson writes.

Gov. Rick Perry countered, making it well known he would veto any bill calling for a tax increase, and rather helped the state oversee department budget cuts, making them cheaper and more efficient for the taxpayers that they

serve. Perry has overseen Texas's journey to responsible government and will continue to do so for years to come.

The responsible conservative rule of Texas Republicans is paying off. March 2010's unemployment rate for the state is at 8.2 percent, making Texas seem like an employment oasis compared to California's 12.6 percent and union-heavy Michigan's 14.1 percent.

The Small Business and Entrepreneurship Council also recognized Texas as one of the top three states with the most small business and entrepreneur-friendly tax systems in the nation. SBE Chief Economist Raymond Keating summed up what states with heavy-handed tax

rates do to themselves.

Keating said, "Taxes at the state and local levels matter by diverting resources from and reducing incentives for productive, private-sector risk taking that generates innovation, growth and jobs. Quite simply, economic recovery will be restrained by high and/or increasing taxes, or boosted by low and/or falling taxes. Governors and legislators have a choice."

Williamson points out that by some estimates, 70 percent of jobs created in the United States in 2008 were created in Texas, and a *Newsweek* article points out that Texas has long surpassed California as the nation's top exporting state, sending out electronics, machinery and other goods around the world.

Texas also provides a better quality of life for Texas residents due to the lack of a state income tax, allowing Texans to keep more of their money. We then inevitably spend it, which benefits the economy. Government does not create wealth, and luckily for us, many Texas legislators understand that.

Perry has been quick to point out

competition between the states isn't the issue, but is rather on a global scale. Perry told economists Arthur Laffer and Stephen Moore, "Our state is competing with Germany, France Japan and China for business. We'd better have a pro-growth tax system or those American jobs will be outsourced."

The success of Texas as an economic powerhouse is proof that responsible conservative government works, and is the answer to many of our nation's economic woes. Allowing businesses and residents to keep more of their own money not only makes life nicer for all involved, but allows them to grow and prosper, creating more jobs and spending. Any other governing style is not only risky, but witless as well.

As long as Texas continues to govern in this fashion, we will continue to grow in power and worth throughout the ages long.

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Selling self out not worth it Series of tubes not going away soon

By PERRY JHANG
DAILY TROJAN (U. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA)

The current economic climate has affected many students financially and emotionally. Because numerous students focus exclusively on financial security, they pursue careers they think will provide financial cushion, rather than careers they are passionate about.

Many students think the most successful people at their school are those who get offers from investment banks, not those who have an excellent overall college experience.

I'm very happy for those who pursue investment banking if they are passionate about their chosen career. Unfortunately, many of them simply go into that career path because of the perception of "big bucks," and plan to get out of their career as soon as they make enough money.

As a whole, many in our generation seem to be more focused on monetary compensation and not what they truly want for their lives.

As a teenager, I thought I was on the road to success; I was awarded a franchise from a major restaurant chain and found great success at a young age. I was very happy at the beginning because I was making six figures, driving a posh car and buying designer clothes without asking my parents for any money.

Soon, my addiction to money began to take a toll on my life. I came to think that life was all about becoming a millionaire, and would judge people based on their net worth rather than their character.

I began to work longer hours to make more money — I even ended up skipping my brother's graduation. As a result, my personal relationships were almost destroyed.

Money took over my life, while my feelings and passions were no longer part of me. The situation was intensified in the microscope of Los Angeles where I was surrounded by people who believed that superficial pursuits are the only important ones.

My life changed when I went to a restaurant and saw one of my classmates who struggled financially but looked so much happier than I felt; I was just a money-making robot with no feelings.

I recently asked Emilio Diez-Barroso, a member of the board of directors at Summit Entertainment about his definition of success. He didn't say that it could be defined as making more money. Instead, he said that for him success means having "the moment of miracle" or self-discovery. I couldn't believe that one of the world's most influential and successful business leaders defines success as having time for self-discovery.

After graduating from college, he

joined his family's Televisa and Univision empire, but he left the empire to follow his passion. The result: Not only is he successful in the business world but also has fulfilling personal relationships.

The biggest mistake we make is letting money become who we are. Unconsciously, we make many decisions based on how much we have, not who we have become. Making less money doesn't mean one should feel powerless and unhappy. If we let money define every aspect of ourselves, we will never have true happiness.

In less than a month, the graduating class of 2010 will go into the real world, but many are uneasy about their future.

We should look back and remember the day we got the acceptance letter to college. We felt we owned the whole world and knew what our dreams and passions were. Where are your dreams and passions now?

They're trying to survive somewhere in ourselves, but we could be neglecting them while stressing ourselves over future financial prosperity. Instead, we should take a step back to reacquire ourselves with the importance of our ambitions.

Our passions might not give us financial security, but our names are not money; we are human beings whose passions and dreams define who we are.

By NICHOLAS SLAYTON
DAILY TROJAN (U. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA)

I got the title for my Internet-themed column from ex-Senator Ted Stevens' comments on net neutrality. In 2006, Stevens mixed up the words "Internet" and "e-mail," and then gave an incorrect account of how e-mail traffic works, saying that "[the Internet is] not a big truck — it's a series of tubes."

It seemed at the time like nothing more than a humorous insight into how little the people in charge of Internet regulation actually knew about the web, but it had a larger implication — the marginalization of the Internet and online culture in general.

At the time that Stevens made those remarks, social media had not yet broken into Tweet-mania, ownership of Internet-enabled phones was limited to Wall Street's finest and many people still did not recognize the power of the Internet. As a fan of the Internet and Internet culture, this left me a little jaded.

Since I started writing columns, I've seen the Internet go from being perceived as a passing trend to being recognized as a major part of life. Whereas a few years ago being tech-savvy was considered geeky and looked down on, now it is a skill everyone either has or is gaining through everyday life. Why the change, and what does this mean for us?

Part of this shift is simply because

of the technological boom of the last few years. Laptops became sleeker and more convenient. Smart phones suddenly gave the Internet an ultra-portable system.

Facebook and Twitter exploded in popularity, getting people, who normally would not use the Internet to connect with others, to go online. Add in the rise of media sites like YouTube and Hulu and the Internet suddenly became unavoidable.

The boom made the Internet so mainstream that it is now ingrained in everyday life.

There is a great quote from the television show *Leverage*: "Age of the geek, baby." And the way online resources are being used today, it certainly applies.

People use e-mail more than snail mail — it is quick, easy and there is less chance of paper cuts. In business, the Internet has streamlined communication, organization and productivity.

More and more companies are using its resources as part of their business models, and some of the largest companies in the last decade are ones that work within the field, such as Google and Amazon.

Even politics have been shaped by the Internet, and politicians now embrace it as a means to success. President Obama's campaign was a turning point for online political activism, allowing a localized center to organize rallies, raise money and communicate on a national level with ease. Now it is the model for every 21st century campaign, with every candidate focusing heavily on their

online division.

The Internet, as the old saying goes, has made the world smaller. We are interconnected at a level unheard of in recent times. A simple video posted online can spread instantly and create a new meme or create a global protest against some act of brutality.

Recently, the Internet became a tool for a task that would have been unheard of a few years ago — running a country. Stranded in New York by the ash cloud covering Europe, Norway's Prime Minister Jens Stoltenberg was able to electronically govern his nation through his iPad. While he might not have been physically interacting with his staff, he still had full access and communication with them — all through the Internet.

This rise of Internet legitimacy puts us in an interesting spot. We are a part of a generation that grew up at the same time as the Internet. All of the big trends that have emerged happened as we came into adulthood and the next generation will already have these in place.

Whether this is a good or bad thing is up in the air, but they will be a whole new kind of technological user, with different habits and understandings of the Internet.

It is clear now that the web isn't some fad or passing trend. It is tied to business, communication and our daily lives. The Internet is already an institution, and it is here to stay. It's more than a series of tubes, Ted Stevens, it's our lives.

YouTube raises issues about copyright ethics, could change user generated content

By SAM BLAKE
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Remember kindergarten? I sure don't. But I have a good grasp of what the stereotypical kindergarten experience is supposed to be. And I'm pretty confident that in kindergarten, you're usually taught that sharing is a good thing.

The Internet is great for sharing, as most people have probably noticed. More often than not, people share quite a bit more than others care to see.

Of course, in kindergarten we're also taught that it's wrong to take other people's things. Much as we may want to play with that particular set of blocks (Do you play with blocks in kindergarten? Like I said, I don't remember), we learn that it is wrong to take it if it belongs to someone else.

Incidentally, the Internet is also great for taking things that belong to other people. Plagiarism and piracy are more common than ever, thanks to digital media being so easily duplicated and distributed. Of course, "taking" digital

media is not as straightforward as taking someone's toys.

There are two issues present here, the conflation of that being what usually leads people to have long and unproductive debates on the topic. First, there is a question of legality: Is it legal in the United States to do what you want with digital media you own?

As it turns out, the Digital Millennium Copyright Act is a twisted behemoth of ill-informed legislation. That is, it ensures that any number of very reasonable things that you do with digital media are illegal and probably felonious to boot. The second and more relevant issue, then, is that of ethicality, which is even trickier.

And if any website has served most to confound both the legal and ethical aspects of copyright, it's YouTube. People uploading movies, music, etc., that they don't own the copyrights to is pretty obviously unethical and is certainly illegal, but there are other issues that YouTube's existence raises that are more difficult to unravel.

Here's a simple case. If a copyright holder uploads its own video for whatever reason, it is free (and perfectly legal) for users to watch on YouTube whenever they want and as many times as they want, at least until the copyright holder removes it.

But say you have the misfortune of living in one of the apartment complexes near campus that have appallingly slow Internet service. Since YouTube exists to let you watch videos at the time and with the frequency of your choosing, is it ethical for you to download the video from YouTube and then watch it at your leisure?

The easy answer is no. Ethical behavior requires obeying the terms of the contract you agreed to by using YouTube, specifically their Terms of Service. And a thorough reading of YouTube's TOS indicates that "You may access User Submissions [...] solely as intended through the provided functionality of the YouTube

website. You shall not copy or download any User Submission."

This would be straightforward enough, if it wasn't meaningless. Here's a fun fact: When you watch a video on YouTube in the "intended" fashion, you are downloading a copy of it. This is cold technical fact. With about four seconds of work, you can find the copy where it resides on your computer and move it to wherever is most convenient for you. And since the "intended" functionality is to get a copy of the video onto your computer that you can watch, it doesn't take a very sophisticated argument to claim that the action is perfectly ethical.

I'm not advocating that people intentionally break YouTube's Terms of Service just because they're a bit inconsistent. The spirit of the contract in this case is fairly obvious. But when

using the service properly requires you to violate the TOS, there is clearly a problem.

And regardless of how individuals use YouTube's services, the company's own behavior raises just as many issues. Viacom, parent company of more than a few film studios and television networks, is currently attempting to take legal action against Google (which owns YouTube) for allowing the hosting of works that Viacom rightfully owns. Documents in the case suggest that YouTube's administrators intentionally allowed pirated content, under the presumption that that content is what drove traffic to the site.

On the flip side, Google has shot back accusing Viacom of secretly using YouTube to market their products, then demanding that YouTube take down videos that they themselves put up.

And, to make matters worse, Viacom's lawsuit has serious long-term implications for online copyright law. Currently, services like YouTube are not liable for copyright infringements

so long as they take down material when requested. But if Viacom wins their case, then YouTube, and by extension any other website that links to or hosts copyrighted material (Google, Facebook and nearly every other useful website) can be held liable for material on their systems.

User-submitted content, the backbone of today's Internet, will essentially become a thing of the past, since website administrators will generally be unwilling to scrutinize everything users submit just to avoid lawsuits.

The problem is the combination of our absurdly tortuous copyright law and the popular disregard for it that YouTube and its uploaders embody. As the advance of technology continues to outpace refinement of the law, we need to ensure that our laws are simple enough to be properly obeyed, but more importantly we need to ensure that we're behaving in a way that we know is ethical. If we can't handle these most basic ethical judgments, perhaps we all need to go back to kindergarten.

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Tech falls to Longhorns 7-2

By TOMMY MAGELSSSEN
STAFF WRITER

Senior pitcher Ashly Jacobs said it's going to be hard to forget the 7-2 loss Texas Tech softball suffered against No. 12 Texas Thursday night, but she knows she can get over it.

"I'm kind of mad," Jacobs said about the loss. "You know I didn't do what I wanted to do today. But, I mean, we've got two more games this weekend, so I'll be mad about it a little bit tonight. But after that it's over, and there's two more games that I've got to focus on."

Jacobs started the game for the surging Red Raiders (35-13, 7-9 in Big 12 Conference play), winners of their last four. But she only lasted two innings against the Longhorns (38-10, 11-2).

Things didn't start off too well for Tech, as a first-inning two-out error by shortstop Leah Legler led to Texas' first run of the contest.

On the night, Tech committed four uncharacteristic errors, leading to three unearned runs.

Jacobs had to deal with a tight strike zone all night, which may have led to her three walks. In the third, before she was pulled, she gave up back-to-back homers to center fielder Brittany Chalk and left fielder Courtney Craig. After walking the next batter, Jacobs was yanked in favor of lefty Karli Merlich.

But Texas was not done scoring just yet. The Longhorns plated another two runs in the inning and they were out to an early 5-0 lead.

Both Texas coach Connie Clark and Tech coach Shanon Hays appeared to have a few problems with the home plate umpire's strike zone, but Hays said it's all part of the game.

"You're not always going to get the pitches that you think are strikes," he said. "You've got to overcome that and we didn't do that."

Despite the loss, Hays was

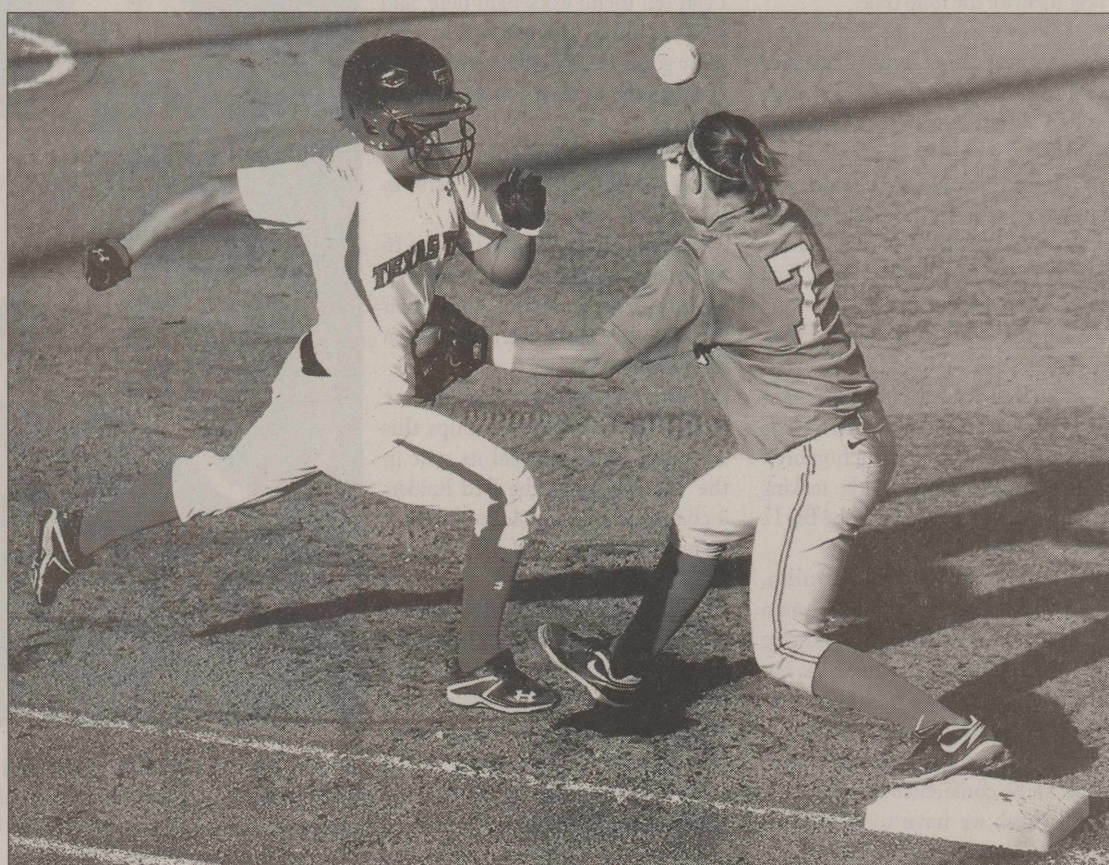


PHOTO BY MATT MOFFATT/The Daily Treador
TEXAS TECH OUTFIELDER McKenzie Clemmons beats a throw to first base during the Red Raiders' 7-2 loss to No. 12 Texas.

quick to give credit to a Texas team that has now swept the season series against the Red Raiders for the second consecutive season.

Hays said he considers Texas to be a Top-5 team, and the Longhorns are too good to make mistakes against.

Blaire Luna earned the victory Thursday in a complete game where she allowed two runs on three hits and struck out five. Earlier in the season, Luna completely dominated Red Raider hitters and struck out 14 en route to a complete-game

shutout.

"She's a girl if you see her a couple of times, you know, you can figure out her spin a little bit more," Hays said. "But, I mean, she still did a great job today keeping us off balance."

One of the lone bright spots for Red Raider hitters in Thursday's loss was the bottom of the fourth inning where Tech plated two runs off a Logan Hall bomb to left field.

H a l l launched the first pitch she saw out of the complex and was able to give the Red Raiders some

momentum, as they advanced runners to second and third later in the inning but could not capitalize.

The wind was blowing ferociously toward left field, and a couple of deep Red Raider flies went to the track but found a Longhorn glove. Hall said she was proud of the team's ability to put the ball in play, even though Tech only mustered three hits.

"I think execution is key," she said. "So if we get runners on base we need to find a way to get them in. So it's always good to get those insurance runs and when we don't get them in, that's just not going to be a good end for us."

Tech begins a two-game series against No. 20 Texas A&M at 2 p.m. Saturday at Rocky Johnson Field to close out the regular season. The second game is at noon Sunday.

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Spurs beat No. 2 seed Mavs in 6

SAN ANTONIO (AP)—The Spurs moved on, and Dallas is done early again.

Manu Ginobili scored 26 points and San Antonio survived blowing a 22-point lead to beat the Mavericks 97-87 in Game 6 on Thursday night, handing Dirk Nowitzki and second-seeded Dallas another first-round exit.

The Spurs got payback after the Mavs eliminated them a year ago, and will play either Phoenix or Portland in the Western Conference semifinals.

"For us there was no tomorrow," Ginobili said after the Spurs finished off the Mavs in front of a raucous home crowd and avoided going back to Dallas for a Game 7.

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

By Gareth Bain 4/30/10

ACROSS

- Four-time Olympic gold-medalist runner
- Átópok
- Park way
- Shame
- Hacking knife
- Flout
- Petulant mood
- Daring track official?
- Zaffig
- Trouser measurement
- "Twilight" heroine
- Introduction to a former self?
- "The Mikado" baritone
- Give a hand to
- Dabchick, for one
- Cost an arm and
- Do a garage job
- Cannes's region
- act
- They're usually in the 80s and 90s
- Toon who played Scrooge
- Maker of Definity skin care products
- Works on, as a novel
- Sport with riders
- Matriarchal nickname
- Core belief
- Put the kibosh on
- Suggestive look
- Two-legged meat source
- First name in puppetry
- With it
- Consume
- Awards named for a writer
- Kind of roll
- Fútbol game cheer
- Infringed with
- Ruler from LIV to LXVIII
- Immortal comedian's donkey imitation?
- Fur that's a symbol of royalty
- Church caretaker, in Chelsea
- ...I Did It Again": Britney Spears album and hit song

DOWN

- Flowing back
- One offering his seat?
- "Let me check"
- Bonanza
- Blood
- Juju or grigri
- Like a tonne of bricks?
- Kilmer of "Top Gun"
- Tyro, and a hint to this puzzle's theme
- Computer letters
- Ask for help from
- Keeps going
- Golfer's coup
- Cynical response
- Hoarse sound
- Testing site
- Phrase said before taking the stand
- Not ordained
- Two-time Conn Smythe Trophy winner

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Tech men's tennis open Big 12 Championships against OU

By **JOSHUA KOCH**
STAFF WRITER

In Vitor Manzini's opinion, the Texas Tech men's tennis team shouldn't change much heading into the Big 12 Conference Championships.

The Red Raiders should do two things they have done all season.

"I think the energy, and keep the confidence on the court are the two most important things for us to do at this tournament," Manzini said.

After recording the best regular

season in Tech men's tennis history, the Red Raiders will have to keep momentum rolling if they want a Big 12 title to cap it off.

Tech (20-4, 3-3 in Big 12 play), the No. 4 seed, will face a familiar opponent in No. 5-seeded Oklahoma (16-6, 2-4) at 9 a.m. today at the Penick-Allison Tennis Center in Austin.

The Red Raiders already have seen the Sooners on two separate occasions this season. The first meeting was in the Blue-Gray Classic championship game, and the other meeting was in conference play.

Tech was victorious in both of these matches, defeating OU 4-3 at the Blue-Gray and 5-2 in the conference meeting.

This could be Oklahoma's chance to break through against Tech, but to keep that from happening, Manzini said the team just has to keep playing like they have been.

"I think if we follow the same plan, the both times that we played against them everyone went to the courts really strong mentally and really confident," he said. "The key was the energy. If we do

this same thing, I'm pretty sure we can beat them for the third time."

History is not on the Red Raiders' side this weekend as Tech has not fared well in the Big 12. Tech has posting a 4-13 all-time record in tournament matches.

The last time the Red Raiders had any success at the Big 12 Championships was six years ago in 2004. That year and the 2002 season are the only times Tech has reached the semifinals.

But this year's squad seems different.

The Red Raiders have no seniors and only one junior on the team. The rest are freshmen and sophomores. Many of these players will be making their first ever appearance at the Big 12 Championships.

Sophomore Raony Carvalho, who had an impressive freshman campaign, was solid this year, posting a 17-6 singles record. Since he is not much older than the freshmen, Carvalho said there is little advice he can give them, even though he has experience in the conference tourney.

"I think we have to work hard

here," he said. "This is the only thing I can tell them: work hard here, and what we do in the practice is what we're going to do in this tournament. So just keep focused and do our best there."

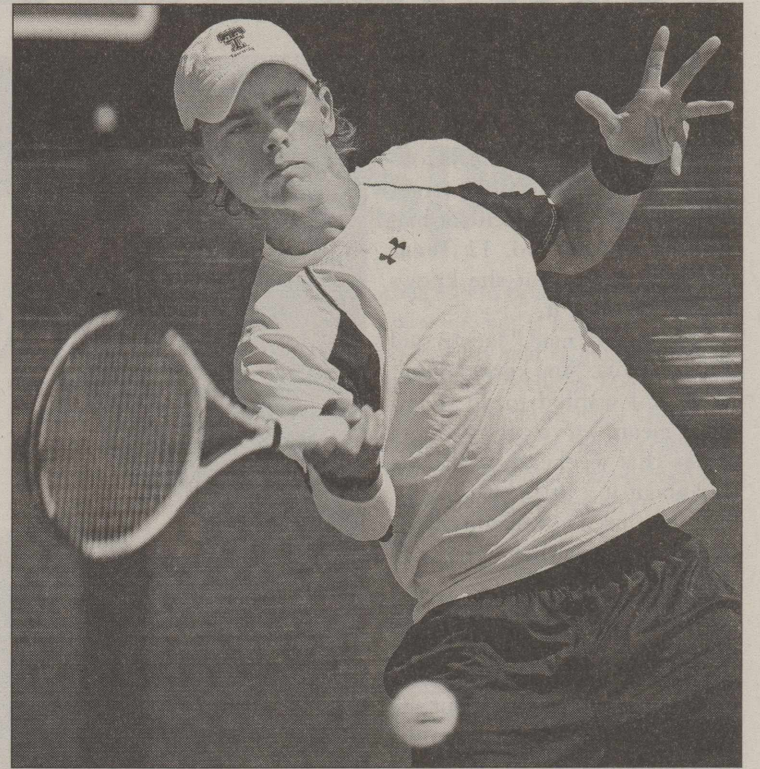
Being ranked in the Top 20 would guarantee the Red Raiders a berth in the 2010 NCAA tournament.

Tech has held a spot in the Top 16 for seven consecutive weeks, which is where every tennis coach wants their squad to place at the end of the season for many reasons.

With an impressive performance at the Big 12 Championships this weekend, Tech can seal its spot in the Top 16, giving the Red Raiders a chance to play at McLeod Tennis Center during the NCCA tournament.

"Finishing in the Top 16 does two things: it puts us as the No. 1 seed and gives us a chance to host," he said. "That's all we can ask for. We're going to lay it on the line, we're going to play with as much intensity, and as much energy as we've played all year."

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FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador
SOPHOMORE RAONY CARVALHO looks to lead the Texas Tech men's tennis team past Oklahoma for a third time this season when the Big 12 Championships begin today in Austin.

Notre Dame, Ole Miss on tap for Tech soccer in 2010

The Texas Tech soccer program announced its 2010 schedule Thursday, featuring teams that qualified for the 2009 NCAA Women's Soccer Tournament.

The Red Raiders will take on Mississippi and Notre Dame the weekend of Sept. 3 in South Bend, Ind. Ole Miss made it to the NCAA tournament's round of 32 and Notre Dame advanced to the Sweet 16.

Tech opens its season against TCU on Aug. 20 at the John Walker Soccer Complex and will host Texas State on Aug. 22. Tech will then hit the road the two following weekends playing Northwestern (Louisiana) State and Rice, along with the South Bend swing.

"We have put together a non-conference schedule that will challenge us right from the opening game when we renew our budding rivalry with a talented TCU squad," Tech coach Tom Stone said in a Tech Athletics press release. "Going forward, it's just one challenge after another for 10-straight nonconference games that

will feature some exciting home games for our fans and some real challenges on the road."

The Red Raiders also will host the second-annual Red Raider Classic, facing Lamar, Oral Roberts and North Texas in a four-team round robin tournament the weekend of Sept. 10.

Tech wraps up its nonconference schedule with two games in Alabama. On Sept. 17, the Red Raiders will face Alabama in a rematch of the 2009 game where the Crimson Tide won in the final seconds of sudden-death overtime in Lubbock.

The last nonconference game will be against Alabama-Birmingham on Sept. 19.

Conference play opens the weekend of Sept. 24 as the Red Raiders host Colorado, Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa State and Missouri at the John Walker Soccer Complex during that portion of the season.

The Big 12 Conference tournament will be played Nov. 3 through Nov. 7 in San Antonio.

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Tech track in top form for Nebraska dual meet

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Texas Tech track and field coach Wes Kittley said he couldn't think of any team better than Nebraska to be paired with in a dual meet, and Saturday he will get to see them firsthand.

"I think Nebraska is one of the premier schools you can have to go against you," he said. "They are really made for dual competition. They have a complete team and so I think they're going to present as good a challenge as we could have."

The Red Raiders take on Nebraska in their last meet of the regular season beginning at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Terry and Linda Fuller Track and the R.P. Fuller Sports Complex.

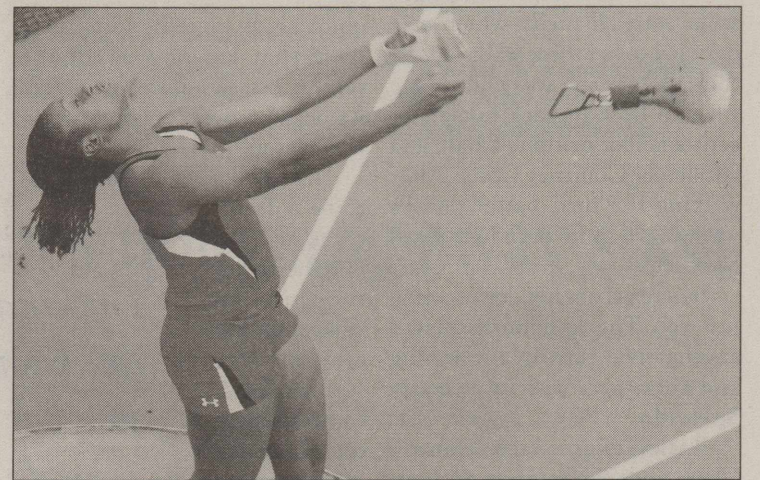
The Tech men are ranked No. 6 and the women No. 12, while the Husker men and women are ranked No. 20 and No. 14, respectively.

Kittley said the dual meet is going to be a tough challenge for his team on both the men's and the women's side, but he believes his team will rise to the occasion with some of its best performances of the year.

This will be the Red Raiders' first dual meet of the season after a trip to Lincoln, Neb., on Jan. 30 was canceled because of poor weather in Lubbock, preventing Tech from traveling.

This will be a scored meet, Kittley said, and the schools will have their top two athletes earn points for their school in each event. A first-place finish will net five points, second place four points, third place two, and fourth place one.

Saturday could provide some exciting individual competitions as the two schools battle for supremacy in the Big 12 Conference. Pole vaulter Natalie Willer of Nebraska is the defending 2009 Big



FILE PHOTO/The Daily Toreador
OZIE OKOLIE AND the Texas Tech track team gets a shot at Nebraska in a dual meet Saturday.

12 outdoor champion, but lost the 2010 indoor conference championship to Tech freshman Shade Weygandt.

Tech freshman Bryce Lamb, the 2010 Big 12 men's indoor champion in the long jump, also will look to impress against Nebraska long jumper Nicholas Gordon, who took home the conference title at the 2009 outdoor championships.

Sophomore hurdler Jamele Mason will look to dethrone Husker Adam Daily in the men's 400-meter hurdles. Mason was beaten by Daily last year, but Mason said he could have beat him.

"He barely beat me (last year) so I have a lot of personal vengeance with that," he said. "So I'm going to go out there and run fast."

He also said there isn't as much pressure for this meet as a team, but he believes there is a lot of personal pressure for some of the individual athletes who want to prove their team or group is better.

Mason said the hurdlers should impress this weekend against the Huskers.

Kittley said this is the kind of meet many of the athletes revel in because it can bring them closer as a team. There is more camaraderie and all of the athletes are competing against a common opponent, instead of against individuals.

Freshman Candace Jackson said this meet is just as important as any other, although it may be more fun because she will get a chance to compete with her teammates against Nebraska.

The Lady Raiders recently entered the USTFCCA rankings for the first time this season after some impressive times in the Sooner Invitational on Saturday. Jackson said there should not be any added pressure, but it should provide the team with more confidence.

"Like I said earlier (in the season), we were the underdogs, people overlooked us—Texas Tech," she said. "And now we moved up in the rankings and it gives us the confidence to show people the ability that we have."

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Tech beats Mizzou in Big 12 tourney

By **JOSHUA KOCH**
STAFF WRITER

The Texas Tech women's tennis team advanced to the quarterfinals of the Big 12 Championships after defeating Missouri 4-1 on Thursday.

The Lady Raiders (11-11) kept their season alive and Tech coach Todd Petty is looking forward to facing what he called a solid Nebraska team in the quarterfinals.

"We're excited to move on and get a chance at a highly ranked team," he said. "And to do something that I don't think has ever been done."

Tech's No. 1 doubles duo of junior Kelsy Garland and sophomore Natalie Leitch struggled against Missouri's Kaitlyn Ritchie and Mallory Weber falling 8-3.

After the Lady Raiders took the second doubles match, the doubles point came down to the third match.

Sophomore Stefanie Peana and freshman Caroline Starck clinched the point by defeating Sofia Ayala and Jamie Mera 8-5. This gave Tech the early 1-0 advantage.

Tech carried the momentum gained from the doubles victory into singles play to continue to dominate.

All matches were won in straight-sets and the Lady Raiders won all but one first set. Garland continued to play well in the No. 3 spot as she defeated Maria Christensen 6-4, 6-0.

After this, Starck continued her already impressive freshman campaign by beating Andrea Lewis 6-4, 6-1. This win gave Tech the commanding 3-0 lead against Missouri (6-17), and notched Starck's 14th win of the season at the No. 5 spot.



PETTY

Freshman Sandra Dynka continued her struggles taking 17th loss of the season at the No. 1 spot in the lineup. Dynka fell to Ritchie in straight-sets, 6-1, 6-3. This gave Missouri a glimmer of hope for a possible comeback, but freshman Elizabeth Ullathome snuffed that out, clinching the win for Tech at the No. 4 spot.

Ullathome defeated Mera 6-2, 6-3 to win the match for the Lady Raiders 4-1. After that match, the other two singles matches were called off, because Tech already won the match.

Next challenge for Tech is third-seeded Nebraska (20-4) today at 6 p.m.

During the regular season the Lady Raiders fell to the Cornhuskers in a close 4-3 match in Lincoln, Neb.

"Nebraska's very good, very well-coached, they're a tournament team," Petty said. "They're a team again I think the doubles point is going to be critical, because they're so good up at the top."

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Ward, Floren earn All-Big 12 honors

By **JOSE RODRIGUEZ**
STAFF WRITER

The Big 12 Conference honored Tech men's golfers Chris Ward and Nils Floren Thursday, naming the pair to this year's All-Big 12 team.

But Tech men's golf coach Greg Sands believes the awards will not end there for both Ward and Floren.

"Both those guys are special, special players," Sands said. "They've both had great seasons; it's just nice for them to be recognized. To have two guys on the All-Big 12 team is real special, but I really, truly believe both of them will be All-Americans as well."

"I'm just excited about them reaching those goals, and they set those goals and worked hard to achieve."

This marks the second time the two have made All-Big 12. Floren made the group last year and Ward in 2008.

Additionally, Ward was named this

week's Golfweek.com Collegiate Player of the Week after becoming Tech's first conference individual champion in 14 years Sunday at the Big 12 Championships in Trinity. Ward also is ranked 33rd nationally according to Golfweek.com.

In fact, Floren said Ward's finish to the season is only going to build momentum for the senior's prospects in the professional ranks.

"He's just a real solid guy," he said. "I'm happy for him. He could not have picked a better tournament to win, and he could not have picked a better time to win. This is his last year, and he's going to get lots of good promotion from winning this going into his professional career after college."

But Floren is arguably the best player on the squad.

Floren, who is No. 19 in the Golfweek.com rankings and No. 7, according to Golfstat.com, has been Tech's highest ranked player this season and holds a

623-109 head-to-head advantage. Floren and Ward's play has made its impact on the rest of the team as well.

There may be no better proof of that than the rankings, where the Red Raiders made their debut in the Top 10 this spring at No. 10, according to Golfstat.com.

"Nils is a great player, he definitely deserves that," Ward said. "We both have just played pretty consistent all year. I think that just reflects on how consistent the team's played all year because when we play good, I think that inspires the other players to just try that much harder."

But in the mean time, the Red Raiders await the conclusion of all the conference tournaments to get the announcement May 9 regarding which regional they will play.

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Tech baseball faces Missouri

By ADAM COLEMAN
SPORTS EDITOR

Canceling the Northern Colorado mid-week game leaves Texas Tech baseball with a stretch that could determine whether the Red Raiders earn an NCAA Regional berth or get left out.

Tech coach Dan Spencer would have it no other way, either.

"We're going to be judged at the end of the year on how we did in conference," said Spencer, as the Red Raiders begin the first of three Big 12 Conference series to finish the season. "Whether we make the Big 12 tournament or we play longer than that, we're going to be judged in the long run by the committees and whoever picks whatever by how many games did you win in conference."

As Spencer said, there are no more mid-week games for Tech baseball. Sitting in third place in the standings, the Red Raiders (24-21, 10-8 in Big 12 play) have a chance to solidify a regional berth depending on their performance in the final three Big 12 series of the season.

It starts with Missouri (22-17, 6-8) at 6:30 p.m. Friday, 5 p.m. Saturday and noon Sunday at Dan Law Field. Tech will finish the season at home against Baylor and at Nebraska.

Tech pitcher Chad Bettis said this weekend's series is important for numerous reasons. While third place probably makes it easier to give Tech a regional berth right now, Bettis said the Red Raiders still have some work to do.

The junior also said the Tigers had Tech's number last year and revenge serves as a motivating factor. Last year, the Tigers embarrassed Tech in a three-game sweep. Mizzou outscored Tech 42-14.

However, Bettis said no one is looking past Mizzou and the only thing Tech is worried about is making a regional.

"I don't think we're looking ahead at all," he said. "We are looking ahead



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TEXAS TECH MICHAEL REED hits the ball into the outfield during one of the Red Raiders' games earlier this season at Dan Law Field.

towards a regional, but besides that, nothing more. Every game counts. We're not looking ahead, Saturday, Sunday. We're not looking ahead towards the next Baylor series. We're not looking ahead towards Nebraska. It's right now."

Spencer said Tech opted out of the contract with Northern Colorado because of how travel would affect his team. He said having to leave three days earlier and a longer bus trip factored into the decision.

Spencer said there are challenges with finishing the season against three Big 12 squads and no mid-week opponent. Most teams may be gunning for the Red Raiders as the race for regional and conference tourney bids thickens.

Being one of the top teams in the conference right now is something Spencer said helps his team stay focused and finish the season on a good note.

"The way we look at it, Missouri's standing in the way of where we want to go," he said. "I'm sure Missouri's looking at us the same way. 'Hey we gotta get through Tech to go where we want to go.' So I think it's a dog-eat-dog league. We're all big boys in this league and I think that's good. I think it'll help our focus. I think it'll help our bodies

as far as travel."

So the Red Raiders will throw Ben Flora on the mound Friday, followed by Saturday starter Bobby Doran, one of Tech's most consistent pitchers this season.

The Red Raiders will go for a fifth consecutive conference series win, and which may bode well for Spencer. He believes the Red Raiders can't be denied from a regional berth if Tech nabs six conference series wins.

The Red Raiders will hope they can start the series the way they've finished them lately, too. Tech dropped the Kansas, Oklahoma and Oklahoma State series-openers, only to come back to win the series 2-1.

Tech's Scott LeJeune knows making a regional would be huge for the program. Tech hasn't done so since 2004. But the sophomore said the Red Raiders still are taking it one game at a time and realize the challenges ahead.

"We weren't put here at the beginning," he said. "I think we've accomplished a lot, but at the same time, we have a lot things left to do. At this point, we really haven't accomplished anything in the fact that we have a lot of goals that we want to achieve at the end of the season. So we have to keep on rolling from here."

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Looking for something more authentic than local favorite Pizza Barn, the group had to venture out

added. "Professore Vacanti would've been proud of me. Or maybe I should say would've been feiro di

liberty.

"Did we eat too many toes? Maybe. Throw a little ice around? Sure. But teachers we to have a little fun too. And it like it hurt anyone," said the ear-old Fineman. "In fact, I the students should be thank I was so hungover the next day I just gave everyone A's I think it worked in their

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just about every option out there," said National Greek Board President, Henry Boggins. "There were only about 18,000 possible letter combinations to begin with, so you had to know it was coming."

The news certainly left the Greek System in a state of turmoil, as rumors began to fly immediately. Some suggested a move to a 4-letter system, while others questioned why it always had to be Greek. "I think English is a pretty good language," said Debra Boomgarden. "I mean, this is the United States, not a foreign domestic country."

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Fortunately for the group, Danny Rivers did.

"I've been taking Italian 101 this semester," Danny explained, "so I was pretty comfortable in that environment. Once I heard him say 'amici' I knew he wasn't mad at us or anything, so I just stuck with what I remembered... 'saluti,' 'il mio nome è Danny,' that kind of stuff."

After breaking the ice, Danny managed to tell the waiter that he and his friends wanted one very much good pizzas on the large. It was exactly what they received, much to everyone's surprise.

"It was a good day," Danny

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According Higgins, eight those mentio spotted in the behind the sch watching footba and playing hacky-sack.

"They were freaking tailgating?" Ben exclaimed furiously. "Charcoal grill, coozies, Chinese horseshoes... the whole shebang! They're supposed to be helping ushere... not grilling hotdogs and high-fiving."

The faculty did not deny the claim. In fact, Art History professor Michael Fineman spoke with great

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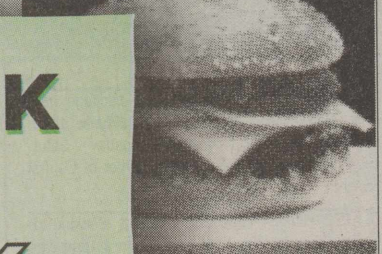
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